GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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Direct Benefit Transfer
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a)whether the Government has decided to launch Direct Benefit Transfer of Fertilizer Subsidies from 1st January, 2018 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of farmers identified by the Government for Direct Benefit Transfer, fertilizer State-wise;

(c)the average number of times farmers are purchasing fertilizers in a year;

(d)whether some glitches have come to the notice of the Government during implementation of DBT in some selected districts of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e)whether the Government is in a position to remove the glitches and has worked out a full proof device for DBT to farmers and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS, SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a): Yes, Madam. The Government has decided to introduce Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system for fertilizer subsidy payments. Under the proposed fertilizer DBT system, 100% subsidy on various fertilizer grades shall be released to the fertilizer companies instead of the beneficiaries, on the basis of actual sales made by the retailers to the beneficiaries. Sale of all subsidised fertilizers to farmers/buyers will be made through Point of Sale (PoS) devices installed at each retailer shop and the beneficiaries will be identified through Aadhaar Card, KCC, Voter Identity Card etc.

(b): Under the proposed DBT Scheme, all farmers irrespective of their landholding will continue to get the fertilizers at subsidised rates.

(c): The pilot project being implemented in the selected districts has not yet completed one year. As such, the average annual data is not yet available.

(d) & (e):There have been certain software glitches which were encountered during implementation process due to slow speed of servers, poor network connectivity and software application. These are addressed in time bound manner. The issues are resolved as under:Issue Action taken Difficulties in Aadhaar authentication due to slow speed of servers National Informatics Centre has recommended for installation of more servers. Action for procurement of servers has been initiated.
Poor network connectivity The existing PoS devices supplied are being provided with multiple connectivity such as LAN, Wi fi etc. All new PoS devices are purchased only if they are equipped with multiple connectivity facility.

Software applications The NIC is resolving software issues as and when reported to them.

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